

Dear Chairman Powell,

When I was first shopping around for DSL service in Manhattan I had several choices. I chose to go with Speakeasy.net. Verizon representatives had told me that if I went with them then I would have my DSL service with in 3 weeks and if I went with any other carrier then I could expect to wait 3 months. Three months later I did get my DSL Service. The delay in getting my service was due solely to Verizon stalling and never finishing the job.

I live on the Sixth Floor of a 16 story doorman/elevator building and I had to get the building's handyman to string a telephone wire from the basement up the service elevator's shaft to the sixth floor where I live. Needless to say my free installation was far from free.

Should I have gone with Verizon? No Way! I will never ever do business with verizon if I don't have to. Please don't vote to take away my ability to make a choice for an ISP.

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.

Sincerely,

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